

INTRODUCTION

- * The Gospel according to John: A presentation of Jesus as the Son of God who became the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.
- * Last week we considered the confrontations that Jesus had with His brothers in Galilee and with the Jews in Jerusalem. In both situations, the individuals were confronted with what to do, or think about, Jesus. Who WAS He? How did He do what He did? How did He know what He taught? Could He really be the Messiah?
- * As we continue in John chapter 7, we see the crowd continuing to struggle with the identity of Jesus ... seeking to discern if He was indeed the long-awaited Messiah (v. 7:25-31; 7:32-36; 7:40-53).
- * However, the major impact of this passage is contained with Jesus' statement recorded in verses 37 and 38.
- * To gain the full significance of Jesus' declaration, we will first need to consider the significance of timing and location of this declaration, during the Feast of Tabernacles.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION****A. The Importance of the F_____ - in G_____ (v. 2)**

1. IT'S E_____

- a. The S_____ (cf. Leviticus 23:34,39; Exodus 23:16)
- b. The S_____ (cf. Leviticus 23:34-43; Nehemiah 8:13-18)
- c. The S_____ (cf. Numbers 29:12-38)
- d. The S_____ (cf. Deuteronomy 16:15; Gen 22:1-18; 2 Sam 24:10-25; 2 Chron 3:1)

2. IT'S M_____

- a. Remembering The P_____ of God (cf. Exodus 40:34-38)
- b. Remembering The P_____ of God
 - * HIS PROVISION OF MANNA (cf. Exodus 16:13-15, 35; Nehemiah 9:15,20-21)
 - * HIS PROVISION OF WATER (cf. Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:7-11; Deut 8:15; Psalm 114:7-8; Isaiah 12:9; Ezekiel 47:1)

3. IT'S M_____

- a. To The Israelites (cf. Exodus 23:14-17; 34:18-24; Deuteronomy 16:16-17; 2 Chronicles 8:12-13)
- b. To The Nations (cf. Zechariah 14:16-19)

B. The Importance of the F_____ - in P_____ (v. 37)**II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECLARATION (v. 11-24)****A. His I_____**

1. THE RECOGNITION OF THE N_____ (cf. Revelation 21:3-7; 22:17)
2. THE RECOGNITION OF THE S_____ (cf. Isaiah 12:2-9; Hosea 2:1-9; John 1:14; 1 Corinthians 10:4)

B. His P_____

1. THE I_____ OF THE STATEMENT (cf. John 4:5-14; Isaiah 58:11; Psalm 1:3; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Revelation 22:1-2)
2. THE A_____ OF THE STATEMENT (cf. Prov 18:4; James 3:7-12; Eph 4:29-32; Prov 10:20-21; 11:30; 18:20-21)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU? IS HE YHWH INCARNATE?
- * ARE YOU THIRSTING FOR SOMETHING? HAVE YOU FOUND THAT NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN QUENCH IT? COME TO JESUS!
- * WHAT IS FLOWING OUT OF YOU? ARE THERE RIVERS OF LIFE FLOWING FROM THE DEPTHS OF YOUR LIFE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What are some ways in which we can practically be "rivers of living water" to those around us?